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Applicant : Antonio Cantoni et al   Art Unit : 2731
Serial No. : 08/122,934   Examiner : A. Hsu
Filed   : September 17, 1993
Title   : TRANSFER OF MESSAGES IN A MULTIPLEXED SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of this divisional reissue application, please amend this application as follows:

In the specification:

Please insert the following at the beginning of the application:

> -- This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 08/122,934, filed September 17, 1993, which is a reissue application claiming the priority date of U.S. patent 5,050,166. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.
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> This application claims (under 35 USC §119) the benefit of patent application serial number P10884, filed in Australia on March 17, 1987.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-14 (the claims of the original *Cantoni et al.* '166 patent[1]), without prejudice.

Please amend claims 17 and 25 as follows.

--17. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim **15** wherein the message includes a destination address field that is checked for a match with an address associated with the destination, and

wherein the address field is transmitted in the message segment of the first slot used to transmit the message.

25. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim **23** wherein the message includes a destination address field and wherein the segmentation machine is arranged to transmit the address field in the message segment of the first slot of the message.

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[1] *Cantoni et al.* U.S. Patent No. 5,050,166, issued September 17, 1991, for TRANSFER OF MESSAGES IN A MULTIPLEXED SYSTEM.

REMARKS

Applicant amends the claims to remove multiple dependencies.

Applicant requests consideration of only those claims subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. §251 in the parent reissue application (Application No. 08/122,934, filed September 17, 1993). Accordingly, Applicant cancels from this divisional reissue application, without prejudice, claims 1-14, for which patentability was confirmed in the parent reissue application.

The Examiner is requested to confirm that a 37 CFR 1.177 letter issued by the Special Program Law Office is present in each divisional reissue application file, so that the parent continuation application may proceed immediately to issue (see MPEP §1451).

No additional fees are believed due in connection with the filing of this preliminary amendment. However, to the extent additional fees are due, please charge any fees, or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the claims:

Claims 1-14 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

Claims 17 and 25 have been amended as follows:

--17. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim **15** [or 16] wherein the message includes a destination address field that is checked for a match with an address associated with the destination, and

wherein the address field is transmitted in the message segment of the first slot used to transmit the message.

25. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim **23** [or 24] wherein the message includes a destination address field and wherein the segmentation machine is arranged to transmit the address field in the message segment of the first slot of the message. --

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